

WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting of Tuesday, March 19, 2013~ 7 pm
Town Hall, 138 Main Street

Minutes Approved April 22, 2013

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §§ 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk and delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 7 pm in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in Town Hall.

With a quorum present, Ms. Martins called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Selectmen Present: Molly Martins, Chair; Ken Whittaker, Secretary

Absent: Patrick Wilson, Vice Chair

Also Present: Mark Andrews, Interim Town Administrator; Catherine Tinsley, Minutes Secretary

Public information

Agenda

Ipswich River Water Shed

Abbreviations

BOS Board of Selectmen

ATM Annual Town Meeting

Welcome and Overview of Agenda

Statements or Questions by Public

Presentations by Guests or Staff

Announcements

Local elections are April 11, 2013

The HWCAM will be broadcasting the ATM on Channel 22 (Comcast) and 37 (Verizon)

The Warrant Hearing is April 1, 2013 at Town Hall 7 pm. The Hearing will be either broadcast live or recorded; residents were encouraged to attend.

Ipswich River Water Shed Association is holding a free conference regarding roads, runoff and water management in Northeastern Massachusetts. The conference is April 11, 2013 in Coolidge Hall at the Topsfield Fair Grounds. Mr. Whittaker said he was interested in attending.

The BOS acknowledged a letter from Chelsea Green Space and Recreation Committee alerting the Town to a proposal put forth by Global Companies LLC to transport ethanol through communities by freight to its facility. Mr. Whittaker said he reviewed the information and this does not have a significant impact to Wenham and recommended no further action is needed.

New Business

Community Preservations Committee (CPC)

Review of ATM Warrant Article 6 – Community Preservation Act (CPA)

Present: Greg Heppner, Chair Community Preservations Committee (CPC)

Mr. Heppner reported the CPC received eight applications, five of which would be recommended to the ATM for CPA funding:

1. Historic Preservation of Historical Town Records more than 50 years old submitted by the Town Clerk. The CPC voted 7 /0 to recommend \$10,000 of CPA Funds be allocated.

2. Historic Preservation for Town Hall Debt Service. The CPC voted 7 /0 to recommend \$168,415 of CPA to pay the bond for the renovation of Town Hall. This is on going
3. Historic Preservation for the HW Community House Renovation of Cupola and Roof. The CPC voted 6 /0 to recommend \$20,000 of CPA Funds be allocated.
4. Recreation for Wenham War Memorial Landscape Materials. The CPC voted 7 /0 to recommend \$10,000 of CPA Funds be allocated.
5. Affordable Housing. The CPC voted 7 /0 to recommend 10% of CPA Funds be allocated for the Affordable Trust.
6. The CPC voted 7 /0 to recommend \$6,000 of CPA Funds be allocated for Administrative Expenses.

The CPC voted 7 / 0 to not recommend CPA funding for the War Memorial bronze plaques, saying this does not qualify as historical preservation.

The CPC voted 7/0 to not recommend CPA funding for a microfilm reader for the Library to access old copies of the Hamilton Wenham Chronicle saying although the newspapers are historical, the reader is not.

Council on Aging (COA) Director – Next Steps

Ms. Martins reviewed the Town of Hamilton is presenting a budget at their ATM that provides for a full time COA Director separate from Wenham. Wenham BOS also received notification that Hamilton does not intend to renew the inter-municipal agreement or for the joint senior van program.

It is thought the current shared director will be offered the full time director position in Hamilton.

Ms. Martins said Wenham would take this opportunity to look at the COA program, structure, van program, and future. Mr. Whittaker suggested an open forum meeting be scheduled to discuss next steps for COA planning.

Gordon College – 7th Annual Triathlon, Saturday, April 20, 2013

The BOS acknowledged a letter from Gordon College informing the Town that the Gordon College Recreation Department would like to host it's 7th Annual Gordon College Triathlon on Saturday, April 20, 2013. They are requesting to use the Hull Street loop for the bike race.

VOTE: Mr. Whittaker moved to approve the use of Wenham's roads as described in the letter from Gordon College, dated March 12, 2013 for the 7th Annual Triathlon. Ms. Martins seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing - Tree Removal Car Barn Lot

Ms. Martins explained that a Public Hearing to cut down the (pine) trees, for the War Memorial on the Car Barn Lot, could not be held citing it has been determined the trees in question are in the 20 foot right of way for the State Highway Route 1A and under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

The State will hold a Public Hearing; currently there is no date for this meeting.

Ms. Martins said that written comments submitted for the hearing would be submitted to the State for the hearing.

Mr. Andrews will follow through and monitor the progress on the hearing.

Ms. Martins confirmed that the Car Barn Lot has not been surveyed yet.

Bruce Blanchard, War Memorial Committee, requested the BOS put on a meeting agenda a discussion of potential financial assistance for a Car Barn Lot survey.

Open Meeting Law (OML) Regional Workshop

Ms. Martins announced an OML workshop on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 from 6 to 8 pm. Gordon College is hosting the event Pre-registration is required.

Reports

Minutes - January 22, 2013; February 5, 2013; February 19, 2013; March 8, 2013; March 12, 2013

*VOTE: Mr. Whittaker moved to accept the BOS meeting minutes of **January 22, 2013**. Ms. Martins seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

*VOTE: Mr. Whittaker moved to accept the BOS meeting minutes of **February 5, 2013**. Ms. Martins seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

*VOTE: Mr. Whittaker moved to accept the BOS meeting minutes of **February 19, 2013**. Ms. Martins seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Whittaker identified that the BOS meeting minutes of March 8, 2013 and March 12, 2013 were held for review and questioned if the minutes on the Town's Web site were up to date.

Mr. Andrews confirmed the approved BOS meeting minutes have been posted on the Town's Web site, including those executive session minutes approved for release.

The BOS next meeting is April 2, 2013.

The ATM Warrant Book has been printed and would be distributed this weekend by the Boy Scouts. The Annual Reports will be available at the Town Hall, Library, and the Town Meeting.

VOTE: Mr. Whittaker moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm and it was unanimous to do so.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley